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**HARTFORD MAYOR EDDIE PEREZ  
CALLS FOR A THOROUGH AND IMPARTIAL  
INVESTIGATION  
INTO FATAL SHOOTING**

May 9, 2005 - Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez has met today with Hartford State's Attorney James Thomas. Attorney Thomas is overseeing the investigation into the shooting of Jashon Bryant by a Hartford Police Officer on Saturday night. The Mayor expressed his and the community's desire that the investigation be thorough and impartial. Attorney Thomas gave his assurance that he would take all the necessary steps by his office to insure the integrity of the investigation and provide an independent review.

As part of that review, Mayor Perez has requested that the State Police Evidentiary Unit be used to assist in this inquiry. Mayor Perez also says, "I want to ensure that there is full disclosure within the legal boundaries of the investigation."

Once again, Mayor Perez expresses his relief that no police officers were injured in this incident. He also met with the family of the deceased and has expressed his deepest sympathy for the circumstances of this tragic shooting.